PRESIDENT: It is 2-10. We will now adjourn for lunch and meet again at 2-40.

The Council adjourned for lunch at 2-10 P. M. and met again at 2-45 P. M.

POSTPONEMENT OF THE TIME OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Sir, we have been asked to elect three members for the Finance Committee this evening. I request that you will very kindly allow us to do it on the 14th August.

As Mr. Madhavan Pillai's request was not objected to by the House, the President allowed it.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS—(*contd.*)

Motion 74.

The following motion was not made :—

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI:

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 18,345 for Salt Factories by Rs. 100.

Motion 75.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Sir, I beg to make the following motion :—

To reduce the allotment of Rs 1,13,375 for Supplies and Services and contingencies by Rs. 10,000.

It is only a few minutes back that the Excise Commissioner said that the quantity of foreign salt we import is becoming less and less. Last year, Sir, under this item there was a provision for only Rs. 81,429. Now, when the quantity has gone down, I do not see any reason why rupees one lakh and odd has been provided this year. So, I move to reduce the provision by Rs. 10,000.

MR. P. GOMATINAYAKAM PILLAI (*Excise Commissioner*): Sir, I have already stated that I intend to transport more of home salt to Alleppey and Quilon. That explains why more money is demanded this year. To be more precise, I intend to transport this year about three lakhs of maunds of home salt. The quantity that was transported last year was much less. Further, there is one more point which has to be borne in mind. This is an item which is not meant for actual *expenditure*. It is only an advance that is asked for. I spend money only on what I am able to transport. If I do not transport, I do not spend it. It is what is called Expenditure under "Service Head".

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Is this provision intended for the transport of home salt alone?

MR. P. GOMATINAYAKAM PILLAI (*Excise Commissioner*): Yes. This year, more home salt is available for transport at Tamarakulam. We have to transport it to Alleppey.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Have you any stock at Alleppey?

MR. P. GOMATINAYAKAM PILLAI (*Excise Commissioner*): We have.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Has it been found insufficient?

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